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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-399-001]

Montana Power Company; Notice of Filing

June 4, 1997.

Take notice that on April 14, 1997, Montana Power Company tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal of its expanded rate schedules.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protests with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 16, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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[Docket No. CP94-817-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request to Vacate

June 4, 1997.

Take notice that on May 7, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148-5072, filed in Docket No. CP94-817-000 a letter stating that the facilities authorized in its May 26, 1995 order,¹ have not been

constructed, and are no longer warranted. The Commission will treat Natural's letter as a request to vacate, all as more fully set forth in the request filed with the Commission and open to public inspection.

By order issued May 16, 1995, in the referenced docket, Natural received Commission authorization to construct and operate approximately 2.86 miles of 36-inch loop line on Natural's Gulf Coast Mainline in Effingham County, Illinois. The loop line would have extended northward (downstream) from the outlet of Natural's Loudon Storage Field, and would have formed part of the 36-inch No. 3 Line of Natural's Gulf Coast Mainline.

The May 26, 1995 order required that construction be completed and the facilities be placed in operation within one year. By petition filed on April 18, 1996, Natural requested that such one-year period be extended by an additional year. That extension was granted, under the delegated authority, on April 30, 1996.

By the filing of the May 7, 1997 letter, Natural states that such construction is not warranted, in light of generally reduced Gulf Coast Mainline utilization levels.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said request should on or before June 25, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

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[Docket No. ER97-2935-000]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of filing

June 4, 1997.

Take notice on May 21, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) tendered for filing a letter requesting that the service agreements filed on May 14, 1997 between NYSEG and Citizens Lehman Power Sales and NYSEG and Cinergy Operating Companies be withdrawn in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 16, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP97-378-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 4, 1997.

Take notice that on May 29, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

Northern states that the filing revises the current Stranded Account No. 858 and Stranded Account No. 858-Reverse Auction surcharges, which are designed to recover costs incurred by Northern related to its contracts with third-party pipelines. Therefore, Northern has filed

¹ See 71 FERC ¶ 62,148 (1995).